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Dear Ms. Hesse,

I am writing to object to the settlement of the Microsoft case which has been reached. Nothing in this settlement provides punishment of Microsoft, or relief to the consumers of computer products and programs in the United States.

As a 30 + year computer user, programmer and buyer, I find the settlement, which allows Microsoft to continue its monopoly, to be of no help to me. In fact, as witnessed by recent FBI comments regarding the Microsoft XP operating system, maintaining the Microsoft monopoly can only be hazardous to the people of the United States.

Any decision in this, the penalty, phase of the trial should include provisions to make Microsoft operating systems compete equally with other operating systems, ie., it should be an add on to any computer system, not bundled with the system. Additionally, Microsoft program document types must be available to the developers of other programs, so that document interchange will be facilitated. And thirdly, Microsoft internet schemata must interface without problems with all internet users.

Finally, I would like to say that we must remember that this is the penalty phase of the trial. Microsoft has already been found guilty of antitrust violations. Now is the time to support the citizens of the United States, the computer users, buyers, sellers and programmers in this, the new millenium.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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